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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3398
INFO AMCONSUL ISTANBUL
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AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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CODEL IPU

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (CODEL IPU)
SUBJECT: CODEL IPU

REF: A. SOFIA 1572 NOTAL B. STATE 179904 C. STATE 187573

1. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED 28 DOUBLE ROOMS AT HOTEL EUROPA
FOR NIGHTS SEPT 20-29 AT \$61 PER ROOM PER NIGHT (REF B).
EUROPA IS SOFIA'S NEWEST AND BEST HOTEL, BUILT BY FRENCH
FIRM FOR GOB. SINGLE ROOMS AVAILABLE AT \$47 PER NIGHT AND
SUITES RUN FROM \$75-160 PER NIGHT.

2. HOTEL IS 15 MINUTES FROM CONFERENCE SITE AND GOB WILL
RUN SHUTTLE BUSES. EMBASSY WILL RESERVE SIX CARS WITH
DRIVERS TO SUPPLEMENT BULGARIAN SERVICES. ENGLISH SPEAKING
DRIVERS PROBABLY NOT AVAILABLE (EVEN EMBASSY DRIVERS
DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.) ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR GUIDES CAN
PERHAPS BE HIRED -- AT EXTRA COST OF COURSE. EMBASSY VEHICLE
FLEET, AS DEPT AWARE, IS QUITE SMALL AND FULLY USED.

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3. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROTOCOL OFFICE, WHICH HAS ACTION
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOB, CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR FULL LISTING
OF US DELEGATION AND RESPONSES OTHER QUESTIONS PARA 3 REF A.
WHILE WE AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES, REQUEST NAMES AND ROOMING
LIST ASAP. OTHERWISE WE MAY INCUR CHARGES FOR ROOMS NOT
ACTUALLY USED. NUMBER OF RENTAL CARS REQUIRED ALSO DEPENDENT
ON THIS FACTOR.

4. CONTROL ROOM. EMBASSY WILL RESERVE TWO-ROOM CONTROL CENTER AT EUROPA (REF C).

5. BULGARIAN VISAS. CODEL SHOULD APPLY AT BULGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON ASAP. VISAS WILL BE ISSUED FREE OF CHARGE IF APPLICANTS INDICATE THEY ARE PART OF IPU DELEGATION, ACCORDING TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROTOCOL OFFICE.

6. FLIGHT CLEARANCE. ASSUME DEPT WILL COORDINATE WITH USAF (CINCUSAFE, RAMSTEIN AFB, ETC.) REGARDING CLEARANCE IN AND OUT OF SOFIA (REF B). EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO ARRANGE PRIOR CLEARANCES, PROVIDING INFORMATION REQUIRED PER INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL, ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE. REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE ALSO REQUIRE COORDINATION OF SUCH ITEMS AS REFUELING, ON GROUND/PARKING TIME, SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, FUND CITATION FOR SERVICE FEES AND AIRCRAFT CREW DATA (I.E. RANK, SSAN, PASSPORT INFO). ARE CREW ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDED IN 28 DOUBLE-ROOM RESERVATION (PARA 1)?

7. ENTERTAINMENT. AS DEPT AWARE, AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF HAS NOT YET ARRIVED BUT WILL BE EN POST WHEN CODEL ARRIVES AND, WE ASSUME, WILL CERTAINLY WISH TO ENTERTAIN CODEL. ADDITIONALLY, QUESTION ARISES AS TO WHETHER CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN WILL WISH TO HOST EVENT (PARA 1, D, REF C). BULGARIANS HAVE EVENTS SCHEDULED EVENINGS SEPTEMBER 25 THROUGH 28, LEAVING EVENINGS SEPT 21-24
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AND 29 OPEN. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

8. PROPOSED DAILY SCHEDULES, INCLUDING EMBASSY BRIEFING, AND TENTATIVE BUDGET WILL FOLLOW.

9. EMBASSY WARMLY WELCOMES CODEL VISIT WHICH WILL, FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CONFERENCE, MORE THAN DOUBLE THE AMERICAN POPULATION OF SOFIA.
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